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## Some Advance by French And British Last Night

### Gain Made Between the Somme and Demuin; Haig's Men Secure Prisoners, Capture Machine Guns and Repulse Counter-Attack; Arrangements Made for Large American Force to Fight

London, April 2.—The general situation at the moment as described by Reuters' correspondent at British headquarters is that the main movement of fresh army troops and others that are moderately fresh continues to be toward the zone between the Somme and Mont Didier. North of the Somme the British have succeeded in stabilizing the line, at any rate, for the time being.

Paris, April 2.—French and British troops advanced last night between the Somme and Demuin, it is announced officially. Over most of the front between the Somme and the Oise the night was relatively calm. Heavy artillery fighting occurred at some points.

London, April 2.—The war office announces that in the sector between the Aves and Luce rivers yesterday the British took fifty prisoners. Thirteen machine guns were captured.

Near Hébutens the British made a successful attack, capturing machine guns and prisoners. A German counter-attack was repulsed.

British Army Headquarters in France, April 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The British yesterday stormed and a strongly held German position in a wood along the Luce river. When the enemy withdrew after sharp fighting he left the ground covered with his dead.

## HIGHER SALARIES Sought for Some CIVIC OFFICIALS

### One Hundred Dollars Each Was Rule Established

### ONE GETS TWO HUNDRED

### Commissioner Russell Advocates Increase Wages for All Employees West Side Industry Will Get New Lease on Better Terms

A dozen or so of the city employees are expected as a result of action taken by the common council in committee this morning. A large part of the session was devoted to the consideration of salary increases, and nearly all those recommended were approved. Commissioner Russell urged that all city employees who were getting less than a living wage should be granted increases, but the council felt that lack of funds stood in the way of this generous programme.

As it was, the increases were limited to the cases recommended by the various commissioners for special consideration. The mayor expressed his willingness to pay for increases of not more than \$100 for officials getting not more than \$1,500, and this rule was adhered to, with one exception. The mayor presided and all the commissioners were present.

Commissioner Russell reported that, after consultation with the city solicitor, he was prepared to recommend the request of the Canada Nail and Wire Company for a new lease on the grounds provided that the city should draw the new lease and protect the city against the possibility of having to pay for filling in. The resolution was adopted. Commissioner Fisher dissenting on the grounds that the company should be required to furnish vouchers for all money spent for improvements.

Commissioner Russell also reported that the Dominion inspector of steamers had ordered the city to install 500 additional life belts on the ferry steamers at a cost of \$1.75 each. The matter was allowed to stand over until this afternoon when the commissioner will present to the council the government instructions.

In reply to a question by Commissioner Wigmore, Commissioner Russell said that no agreement has been reached with Kane & Ring regarding their claims on account of wharf construction in West St. John and that he was not prepared to report on the matter.

Regarding the lease of the west side lots for J. Fred Belyea, the commissioner also said that he was not prepared to report.

### Salary Increases

The matter of salary increases was taken up, and Commissioner Russell urged that the salaries or wages of all employees should be considered and increases given where it was found that men were not receiving enough to live on. He did not think the city should ask to work for \$1.75 and \$2 a day.

Commissioner Wigmore recommended increases as follows:—G. D. Martin, chief clerk, \$1,000 to \$1,100; S. A. Sewell, superintendent, \$1,200 to \$1,300; Alfred King, assistant superintendent, \$1,200 to \$1,300; George Ballantyne, draughtsman, \$900 to \$1,200.

Commissioner Fisher recommended P. W. Jenkins, chief clerk, \$1,175 to \$1,800; C. G. Price, superintendent, \$1,175 to \$1,800; D. A. Duffey, assistant to road engineer, \$830 to \$875 a day.

Commissioner McLellan recommended an increase for Beverly Stevens, chief clerk, from \$1,200 to \$1,400.

Commissioner Russell made a general claim for increases for all the employees in his department.

The mayor laid down as his policy a willingness to vote for increases of \$100 (Continued on page 2, seventh column.)

## MEANT TO TAKE ARRAS AND VIMY

### German Attack Brought Them Only Great Losses

### OUR GUNNERS CHECKED THEM

### Enemy Lost Heavily in All Day Fighting on March 28 and Object Failed Through Careful Plans Had Been Laid

British Army Headquarters in France, Monday, April 1.—(By the Associated Press)—The German attack along the Scarpe river on March 28 had as its objective the city of Arras and the formidable Vimy Ridge. Careful plans were laid to meet this ambition and the attack was supported by a very heavy assault south and southwest of Arras, units of at least seven German divisions being employed here. It may be seen, therefore, that the German plans were far-reaching, but the main result they achieved was to swell the already great total of their casualties.

At about 3 o'clock on the morning of the 28th German artillery of all calibres opened a terrific bombardment against the British positions. It was obvious the enemy intended to attack and at 6.40 o'clock the British gunners unleashed an avalanche of steel against every known place of assembly the Germans might be using.

A little after 7 o'clock the enemy advanced. They came forward slowly and deliberately in full marching order. Each infantryman carried rations for six days, two blankets and an extra pair of boots, indicating that the attack was in deadly earnest. The company commanders were mounted and the infantry was followed closely by the artillery.

The two officers, after receiving instructions at Zurich, Berlin and Vienna came to Greece on a secret mission. Constantine was condemned to death by a court martial and the sentence was carried out today. Their lawyer, M. Constantine, also received the death sentence.

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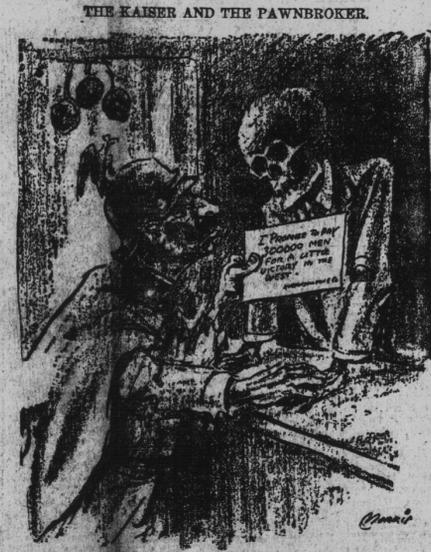
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## FRENCH PREMIER UNDER FIRE

### Clemenceau's Automobile Shelled and Windows Broken But He Escapes

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### BRITISH ROYAL FLYING CORPS MEMBERS RETURNING TO TORONTO RESUME TRAINING

New York, April 2.—An Associated Press despatch from Fort Worth, Texas, today says: "The British Royal Flying Corps, commanded by Brig-General Hoare of Indian jungle campaign fame, which has been training here since October, will soon be starting back to Toronto. The training will be resumed in Canada. The British, thousands strong, came to Fort Worth and shared the three American fields at the invitation of the United States government. It was a return courtesy for the British invitation last summer to the Americans to train in Canada."

### PORTUGUESE GUN WITH A 90-MILE RANGE

Lisbon, Portugal, April 2.—Benito Cerro, a Portuguese engineer, is said by the Seculo to have invented a gun which will throw a shell ninety miles.

### WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A pronounced area of high pressure accompanied by low temperature has come in over the western provinces from the northward. Showers occurred yesterday in southern and eastern Ontario and in Quebec, and light local snowfalls have occurred in the western provinces.

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## ELECTION DAY IN MONTREAL

### Light Vote May Favor Martin— Hon. Charles Marclé a Candidate

Montreal, April 2.—This is civic election day in Montreal, and voting is taking place for mayor and several aldermen. The majority candidates are Mayor Médéric Martin and a member of the old board of control, Joseph Ainey, who has the support of the reform element. The indications this morning were that a light vote would be brought out and this will militate against the candidature of Ainey, who is depending upon the support of the English-speaking portion of the population. The Quebec disturbances are also believed to be having a direct bearing upon the contest. The result will not be known until late tonight.

There are contest in eleven aldermanic wards. The candidates include a former speaker of the federal house, Hon. Charles Marclé. The board of control was abolished by the recent legislation passed in the Quebec legislature for a commission to administer the affairs of Montreal for a term of years.

### TURKS ARE STOUTLY OPPOSED IN CAUCASUS

### Large Army Disputes Invasion Under Terms of the Brest-Litovsk Treaty

Petrograd, Monday, April 1.—(By the Associated Press)—Fierce fighting has broken out in the districts of Batoum, Karis and Ardahan, in the Caucasus. The Armenians and Georgians have formed a large army for the defence of the territory against the Turks who have begun military occupations of the three districts by virtue of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty.

The Georgians have seized most of the Russian warships in the harbor of Batoum and have taken them into the Black Sea. The entire population of Georgia has been mobilized to oppose the invaders.

### SHOT STEP-FATHER WHO BEAT MOTHER

### Youth Then Gave Himself up To the Montreal Police

Montreal, April 2.—"I have just killed a man," said George G. Haas, a twenty year old alien, as he stepped into the West St. Catherine street police station, accompanied by his mother, and laid a revolver on Lieut. J. Corbett's desk. The mother was bruised and bleeding from steps administered by her husband, stepfather of George, and George explained that it was because his stepfather had frequently beaten his mother that he tried to kill him.

The wounded man was found in the kitchen at home, 64 St. Luke street, with three wounds from the step-father's revolver, and was taken to the Western hospital, where his condition is regarded as serious. The young man was taken into custody.

### SEE NO LABEL IN IT

### Case Against Sir William Reid of New- foundland Fails

St. Johns, Nfld., April 2.—An indictment charging Sir William Reid, former president of the Reid-Newfoundland Railways, with criminal libel was dismissed by the grand jury. The charge was brought by Hon. Wm. Coaker, a member of the present government and president of the Fishermen's Protective Union.

Mr. Coaker instituted proceedings as a result of the publication of a letter from Sir William to Lord Shaughnessy in Montreal, stating that Coaker had taken part in discussions with political leaders on a plan to bring about confederation of the colony with the Dominion of Canada. Sir William was arrested on the charge on January 12.

### EXPRESS AND FREIGHT COLLIDE NEAR MONTREAL

Montreal, April 2.—The conductor and engineer of a C. P. R. passenger train from Quebec were slightly injured when the express collided with a freight train in the St. Vincent de Paul yards this morning. The passengers were transferred to a coach train sent out from Montreal. The stories of the collision supplied by the train men are said to be conflicting and the cause of the accident has yet to be determined.